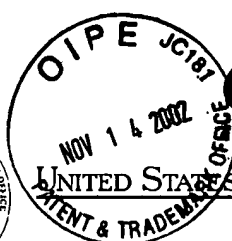


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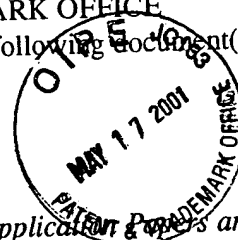
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The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to file a timely and proper reply to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed May 4, 2001. Applicant hereby petitions for revival of this application. Applicant responded to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers on May 14, 2001 (copy enclosed). However, Applicant did not include a Preliminary Amendment deleting reference to Figs. 13A and 13B. A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed herewith. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the Petition fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0359. The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (408) 736-0224.

Respectfully submitted,

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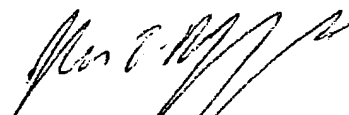
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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed May 4, 2001, Applicant encloses substitute drawings, with the appropriate margins.

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